

NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION Meeting
January 14, 2015 MINUTES
Location: Senior Center

Commissioners:	SeungWan Kang, John Kusiak, Alexa Lyons, Jessica Tharaud,
Staff:	Jennifer O'Higgins, Jenna Olson
Advisory Board:	Benji Cole, Meirose Neal, Susan Swick, Heather Byrns, Ruth Goldman, Chris Hardiman, Jay Harney
Guests:	Claudia Wu, Terry Sack

The meeting was opened at 6:40 by Chairperson, SeungWan Kang.

December minutes edited: Alexa Lyons and Jessica Tharaud were not present, Meirose Neal was present. December minutes will be reviewed at February meeting.

Budget Report:

Budget for the year: \$2,500
Expenses: \$100 for December Team Building
Balance: \$2,400

Business:

Discussion of chair and secretary positions

- Chairperson(s) and secretary/secretaries will serve from January to December.
- Role of the secretary: take and organize a draft of the meeting minutes to be accepted and posted, helping to build the meeting agenda.
- Role of the chair: preparing the meeting agenda, running the meeting.
- Motion to appoint Alexa Lyons as secretary accepted.
- Motion to appoint SeungWan Kang as chair accepted.
- Position of a vice-chair will be discussed at the February meeting.

Youth Services upcoming programs

- Community QPR training on January 15 (6:00 – 8:00 pm) at Senior Center
- Stressed Teen? Four part workshop on stress reduction tips and strategies beginning January 27 at Senior Center
- Improving Academic Effectiveness workshop on February 5 at the Newton Free Library

Leadership Center at NNHS presentation from Claudia Wu

- Role of the leadership center:
 - Center would provide help for volunteers looking for opportunities for internships, clubs, scholarships, and community service and help for other projects (voter registration, etc.)
 - Leadership training for captains, club heads, other positions of leadership
 - Looking for an exploratory committee to build ideas
- Ideas from Youth Commission:

- Participation from student officers to help organize the project and list opportunities for students.
- Keeping it separate from college preparation by having students involved and organizing the leadership center as a club.
- Adding leadership center to and expanding upon career centers at NNHS and NSHS.
- Having an opportunities list component that could teach students about what the internships would be and what they would provide.
- Goal of helping all students – not only those that are already active leaders in other clubs and opportunities.
- Possible connection with Newton Teen Voice's project "Ask the Newton Teen" which has a course description page for high school classes.

Next meeting date is February 11th from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Alexa Lyons, Commissioner and Secretary